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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Paragraph No. 0009 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0009] ~~According to a still further aspect of the preferred embodiment of~~ In accordance with the present invention, there is disclosed an armrest adjustment mechanism for use with a vehicle seat defining a lateral seat axis and an armrest member defining a longitudinal axis. The mechanism includes a mounting means for pivotally mounting the armrest member on the vehicle seat for selective pivotal rotation about the lateral seat axis between a deployed design configuration where the longitudinal axis has a substantially horizontal orientation, and a raised stowed configuration where the longitudinal axis has a substantially vertical orientation. The mechanism also includes a lateral translation means for positive inward displacement of the armrest member along the lateral seat axis relative to the vehicle seat as the armrest member is selectively rotated as aforesaid from the deployed design configuration towards the raised stowed configuration. In accordance with this embodiment of the invention, the mechanism still further includes a stop means for preventing rotation of the armrest member beyond the deployed design configuration. The stop means is rigidly attached to the vehicle seat. The stop means operatively engages the armrest member in the deployed design configuration. The stop means comprises includes a guide pin rigidly attached to the vehicle seat and adapted to operatively engage in abutting relation the armrest member in the deployed design configuration. The guide pin includes a fixed segment rigidly attached to the vehicle seat, and an extension segment operatively engaging in abutting relation the armrest member in the deployed design configuration. The extension segment securely engages the fixed segment in selectively removable relation, and its removal allows selective rotation of the armrest member beyond the deployed design configuration for subsequent removal of the pivot bearing with said armrest member from the pivot pin. --